

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS
OF
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT
180 BEACH ST.
WESTERLY, RI 02891
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 7:00 pm. All members were present. Also present were Scott Fricke, Dennis McGouran and Cyclone Steam Fire Engine Co #2 Foreman Sam Homs.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Morrone to pay the bills of the evening. Asst. Chief Fusaro asked about the Rocky's Tree Service bill. Chief Mackay stated it was for inspections. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0. The following bills were paid:

Bocce Club 100 356.00

Lucky House 100 150.00

McQuade's Marketplace 100 532.70

Rob Ferreira 100 125.00

Seafood Etc. 100 1,152.00

Westerly Packing 100 896.29

National Grid 401 72.39
Home Depot 402 9.53
Unifirst 402 49.99
Cox Business 403 55.56
Cox Business 403 243.14
Verizon 403 331.07
National Grid 404 733.83
National Grid 406 44.85
National Grid 408 193.43
Arthur Pierce (Old Engine One) 503 4,000.00
Ronald Harkness 503 200.00
Strobes N More 504 109.99
McQuade's Marketplace 801 31.59
Midway Pizza 801 39.97
NFPA 803 208.40
Brigham Industries 1201 1,825.12
Globe Mfg. Co. 1201 105.36
Dennis McGouran 1500 6.47
Office Depot 1500 74.70
Postmaster-Westerly 1500 141.00
Vision Gov't Solutions 1500 59.83
Alert All Corp 1700 523.00
Cox Business 1700 29.04
RIDMV 1700
Honey Dew Donuts 1800 89.86
McQuade's Marketplace 1800 149.51

Ready Refresh 1800 13.93

Cox Business 2700 100.00

Stillman Uniforms 3001 153.95

Foreman Homs, Mr. Fricke and Mr. McGouran asked the Board their thoughts on the shared purchase of the trailer for the Hand Tub. After discussion the Board would assist with registering and insuring the trailer. Mr. Fricke left the meeting.

Mr. McGouran informed the Board that 5 air packs would be needed for the Firefighter I class. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated that the 2 MSA air packs could be used and three from the trucks. Mr. McGouran also stated either WT 2 or WT 3 would be needed for Saturday practical trainings at the RI Fire Academy. The Board authorized the use of both vehicles and the air packs. Mr. McGouran left the meeting.

Foreman Homs discussed the positions of secretary, treasurer and steward for the companies. He said with the phasing out of the treasurers the secretaries and stewards would be carrying out their duties and would like their current stipends increased. The Board asked for the companies to return to the next Board meeting with a list of responsibilities for each position and that their duties be the same across the companies. The Board agreed in principle these duties required some compensation but took no action on the request until the additional information could be provided.

Foreman Homs presented a breakdown of two apps used by first responders to let departments know who was responding. The Board will investigate these options further. Chief Mackay spoke with Chief

Frink as to how it was working for his department. Chief Frink stated a policy would need to be created for drivers to know who was in route to the station. The Board will continue to vet the value of the two programs.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked Chief Mackay about department use of WT 3. Chief Mackay replied the state wants to make sure the vehicle is able to act in its primary duty as a prime mover for the Decon trailer.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci stated he was encouraged by the Officers' meetings being held bi-monthly. He asked if the off months could be used for officers' training. Asst. Chief Fusaro said that could easily be accomplished.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked if we could return to company banquets. He felt the changes being made were happening too fast for some to process. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to continue with one banquet this year and to poll the members about how they would like to see it done next year.

Asst. Chief Fusaro reported on twenty-two members attending the live fire training at the Rhode Island Fire Academy tomorrow evening. He would be taking the two MSA air packs and both WT 2 and WT 3. We will be using the academy's air packs and pumper for the drill.

Asst. Chief Fusaro asked about the progress on the new boiler installation and the sand blasting and painting of the metal stairs. Chief Mackay reported we are awaiting a representative of National Grid for the installation of a new larger meter but that the rest was making good progress.

Chief Mackay requested our feelings on billing. After a brief discussion Board members would continue to review the proposal.

Chief Mackay reported the motor and transmission of the 1953 Seagrave had been delivered for rebuilding and would take approximately three to four months.

Chief Mackay reported the Pawcatuck Fire Department has expressed interest in some of our Scott air packs. He would meet with Chief Burns to discuss what they would like and for what price.

Chief Mackay reported the new website should be up and running with in a day or two and all fall training would be available.

Chief Mackay reported an issue had arisen with red light permitting at the state level. Permits cannot be issued by the RI DMV. After speaking to other area chiefs they have sent letters to the police chief advising him of those members of their department who have been authorized to use them. Chief Mackay asked the Board's opinion. The Board asked Chief Mackay to bring this issue to the next RI Fire Chiefs' meeting. The Board also decided to hold off on issuing the lights we have purchased.

Chief Mackay reported he was getting demos of a lap top computer and tablet for use with the new air packs.

Chief Mackay reported he had checked with local departments on their foam supplies and found them to be much smaller than originally reported. We may need to update run cards.

Chief Mackay reported that Dunn's Corners Tanker 1 is now at Station 2. We may want to look at revising Run Card 4.

Chief Mackay would like to meet to with the Ladder Truck Committee

before scheduling visits from the various companies.

Asst. Chief Fusaro asked if we would be discussing the borrowing of Department property. Chief Mackay stated he would like Facilities Manager Paul Cornelius to handle this. After a brief discussion Chief Mackay would decide who would be permitted to borrow department property.

Asst. Chief Morrone asked about spare radio batteries.

Money Collected by the district:

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| Plan Review-residential | 150.00 |
| Smoke Inspections | 300.00 |
| Business inspections | 1725.00 |

Agenda for the next meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro